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MINUTES
OF THE
PROFESSIONAL SELECTION PANEL

28th Meeting, 6 May 1953, 2:30 P.M.
Room 117, North Building

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Present: Messrs.  

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1. Minutes of the 27th Meeting held on 29 April 1953 were approved.
2. The following cases with action pending were considered:
 - a. Case No. 26

The Executive Secretary reported that although the Panel's recommendations in this case had been carried out, a vote as to suitability for a career in CIA had not been recorded. The Chairman summarized the case and pointed up the intent of the Panel as reflected in the recommendation. The Panel decided, by a voice vote, that this individual is suitable for career service in CIA. (vote 4 yes; 0 no; four members present). This action terminates the Panel's interest in Case No. 26 except for the trial period review.

b. Case No. 47

The Executive Secretary reported that the individual has been requested to come to Washington for a pre-employment medical examination, but since she has not replied, the final arrangements have not been made.

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3. Current Cases

Case No. 49

Presented by: advisor for Security

Panel action: This case was placed in suspense to allow the advisor for Security to develop additional information. The presentation of the case will be continued at the next meeting of the Panel.

4. The Executive Secretary read, for the record, the memorandum from the DAD/CI to the Chief, Medical Staff, dated 13 April 1953 concerning an applicant whom the Medical Staff has disqualified for employment with the Agency. The DAD/CI had requested that the Panel review this case and advise the AD/CI of the Panel's jurisdiction in cases of this type. The advisor for the Medical Staff reported on the circumstances causing the Medical Staff to disqualify this individual. The Panel then instructed the Executive Secretary to inform the DAD/CI that the Panel has no jurisdiction over this or similar cases. If the Medical Staff, Security Office or Personnel Office disqualify an individual for Medical, Security or qualification reasons, the DCI is the only authority for setting aside the decision.

5. The Panel discussed the manner in which the special meeting (10:00 a.m., 8 May 1953) will be conducted. It was agreed that the Executive Secretary would open the meeting with a brief statement of the organization and responsibilities of the Panel. He will conclude his remarks by introducing the members of the Panel and present the Chairman who will conduct the meeting. The Chairman will attempt to center the discussion on the principles stated in the Panel's Report and to avoid consideration of the procedural problems which may be involved.

6. The Executive Secretary reported that Mr. [REDACTED] has been appointed as a member of the Panel from the DD/I area vice Mr. [REDACTED] has been appointed as the alternate to serve in the absence of Mr. [REDACTED]. These appointments to the Panel will be announced to the Agency in a personnel notice now being prepared.

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7. The Executive Secretary reported that the Career Development Staff had been assigned, by the Assistant Director (Personnel), the responsibility for writing a CIA Regulation covering the activities of the Professional Selection Panel. The Panel agreed that it was not desirable to issue a Regulation for the Panel at this time. It was noted that the Panel had recommended that the CIA Board change the Panel's terms of reference to such a degree that approval by the Board would make a Regulation that was prepared now obsolete.

8. The Executive Secretary reported that all DD's, AD's, Staff Chiefs and Office Heads have been informed of the CIA Career Service Board's decision that an adverse suitability recommendation by the Panel can be overruled by the DCI only. It was noted that there are indications that the Panel's decisions in case No. 38 and case No. 48 will be appealed.

9. It was agreed that the Panel will hold its regular meeting at 2:00 P.M. each Wednesday.

10. The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 to reconvene at 2:00 P.M., Wednesday, 13 May 1953.

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